

**REMARKS**

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 4, and 7-10 are pending and allowed. Claims 2-3, 5-6 and 11-25 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice thereto or disclaimer thereof the subject matter contained therein. As only allowed claims remain in the captioned application, Applicants request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance to initiate issuance of a patent from this application.

***Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph***

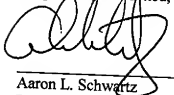
Solely to expedite issuance of the allowed claims and not in acquiescence to the rejection of claims 11-13, 16 and 21-25 under 35 U.S.C. §112 in the last Office Action, Applicants have amended the claims such that only allowed claims remain. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection that is now moot and issue a Notice of Allowance for the remaining claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicants do not believe that any other fee is due in connection with this filing. If, however, Applicants do owe any such fee(s), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee(s) to Deposit Account No. **02-2334**. In addition, if there is ever any other fee deficiency or overpayment under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or 1.17 in connection with this patent application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account No. **02-2334**.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and request that it be allowed. The Examiner is requested to call the Undersigned if any issues arise that can be addressed over the phone to expedite examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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